

TEXT OF PROPOSED REGULATORY ACTION

Peace Officer and Public Safety Dispatcher Selection Standards
Regulations 1953 and 1959

11 CCR § 1953

§ 1953. Peace Officer Background Investigation.

(a) Government Code Mandate

Every peace officer candidate shall be the subject of a thorough background investigation to verify good moral character and the absence of past behavior indicative of unsuitability to perform the duties of a peace officer [Government Code section 1031(d)].

[\(1\) Effective July 1, 2023, every background investigator shall satisfactorily complete POST-certified background investigation training prior to conducting investigations.](#)

(b) Background Investigation Evaluation Criteria

The POST *Background Investigation Manual: Guidelines for the Investigator (2018)* provides assistance in conducting background investigations. The use of the manual is discretionary; except the POST Background Investigation Dimensions herein incorporated by reference described in the manual - Integrity, Impulse Control/Attention to Safety, Substance Abuse and Other Risk-Taking Behavior, Stress Tolerance, Confronting and Overcoming Problems, Obstacles, and Adversity, Conscientiousness, Interpersonal Skills, Decision-Making and Judgment, Learning Ability, and Communication Skills - shall be considered in the conduct of every peace officer background investigation.

(c) Personal History Statements

Every peace officer candidate shall complete, sign, and date a personal history statement at the onset of the background investigation. A personal history statement can be either the *Personal History Statement - Peace Officer*, POST 2-251 (2018) or an alternative personal history statement. An alternative personal history statement shall include inquiries related to the following areas of investigation: personal identifying information, relatives and references contact information, education history, residence history, experience and employment history, military history, financial history, legal history, driving history, and other topics related to moral character.

1953(d)-(g) ***[remain unchanged] ***

Note: Authority cited: Sections 1029, 1030, 1031, 1031.2, 1031.4 and 1031.5, Government Code; Section 2267, Vehicle Code; and Sections 13503, 13506 and 13510, Penal Code. Reference: Sections 1029, 1030, 1031, 1031.2, 1031.4, 1031.5 and 12900 et seq., Government Code; Sections 2267 and 12500, Vehicle Code; Sections 13510 and 29805, Penal Code; and Title 18 Section 922(d)(9), US Code.

11 CCR § 1959

§ 1959. Public Safety Dispatcher Background Investigation.

TEXT OF PROPOSED REGULATORY ACTION

Peace Officer and Public Safety Dispatcher Selection Standards
Regulations 1953 and 1959

(a) Requirement

Every public safety dispatcher candidate shall be the subject of a thorough background investigation in order to verify the absence of past behavior indicative of unsuitability to perform public safety dispatcher duties.

(1) Effective July 1, 2023, every background investigator shall satisfactorily complete POST-certified background investigation training prior to conducting investigations.

(b) Background Investigation Evaluation Criteria

The POST *Background Investigation Manual: Guidelines for the Investigator (2018)* provides assistance in conducting background investigations. The use of the manual is discretionary; except for the POST Background Investigation Dimensions described in the manual which are herein incorporated by reference - Integrity, Impulse Control/Attention to Safety, Substance Abuse and Other Risk-Taking Behavior, Stress Tolerance, Confronting and Overcoming Problems, Obstacles, and Adversity, Conscientiousness, Interpersonal Skills, Decision-Making and Judgment, Learning Ability, and Communication Skills - shall be considered in the conduct of every public safety dispatcher background investigation.

(c) Personal History Statements

Every public safety dispatcher candidate shall complete, sign, and date a personal history statement at the onset of the background investigation. A personal history statement can be either the *POST Personal History Statement - Public Safety Dispatcher*, POST 2-255 (2018) or an alternative personal history statement. An alternative personal history statement shall include inquiries related to the following areas of investigation: personal identifying information, relatives and references contact information, education history, residence history, experience and employment history, military history, financial history, legal history, driving history, and other topics related to moral character.

1959(d)-(g) ***[remain unchanged] ***

Note: Authority cited: Sections 13503, 13506 and 13510, Penal Code. Reference: Section 13510, Penal Code.